grounds like the uncompetitiveness of products in international market, breakdown of collaboration arrangements, etc. Requests for debonding are considerred strictly on merit keeing *inter alia* in view the facilities already utilised by the units.

Swaraj Paul's offer to set up a steel plant at Goa

1059. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a act that Shri Swaraj Paul has offered to set up a steel plant at Goa;

(b) if so, whether clearance has been given by Government to set up the plant; and

(c) what are the details of the plant?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (c) Yes, Sir. Shri Swaraj Paul has proposed to set up a one million tonne capacity steel plant at Goa, based on Direct Reduction of Iron together with electrical steel melting.

(b) The proposal is under examination.

Falling cotton prices

1060. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of cotton are falling in view of good crop;

(b) what is the production of cotton expected this year;

(c) what was the quantum of cotton exported during the last year; and

(d) whether Government propose to export the cotton this year also; if so, how much?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) The prices of cotton are at present ruling at a level lower than the abonormally high level of prices which prevailed in the corresponding period of the last season. This can be attributed to the prospects of a satisfactory cotton crop during the current cotton season.

(b) The crop is estimated to be around 95.60 lakh bales.

(c) A quantity of 2.95 lakh bales was released by Government for export during the last cotton season and a quantity of about 1.86 lakh bales was registered with the Textile, Commissioner for export upto August 1985.

(d) During the current cotton season, Government have so far released for export 2.00 lakh bales of long and extra-long staple cotton, 27,000 bales of Bengal Deshi cotton and 25,000 bales of Yellow Pickings. Further export quota will be released if considered necessary.

सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि के लिये निर्धारित इस्पात उत्पादन का लक्ष्य

1061. **श्री रामचन्द्र विकल** : क्या **इस्पात और खान** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना अवधि के दौरान इस्पात उत्पादन का क्या लक्ष्य रखा गया है और छठी पंचवर्षीय योजना अवधि में अन्त तक इस्पात उत्पादन का कितना लक्ष्य प्राप्त हो जाने की संभावना है; और